

Paul Neazor Inspector General: There was that there were 88 cases that would need looking at to see whether there were any illegal surveillance..

Dermot Nottingham: Right

Paul Neazor Inspector General: It didn't say that there that it had happened just said that they would need looking at because of...ahhhh... but the news people have just changed it to suit themselves to get themselves the headline

Dermot Nottingham: Right so what I don't understand is that if it is illegal to surveille New Zealanders and I am a New Zealander

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Yeah

Dermot Nottingham: then why can I just make a request and those people could say no you have not been surveilled because that would be just being straightforward if there is no surveillance they don't have to confirm or deny that just have to say no you have not been surveilled.

Paul Neazor Inspector General: If you look at it from the other point of view, say you were being looked at, you had done something rather and you were being looked at

Dermot Nottingham: yep

Paul Neazor Inspector General: and you could just ask are you guys looking at me umm you could forget the whole idea about investigation and surveillance because everybody would just be able to just ring up and say oh can you tell me if you are looking at me...if you take it through if you ring up the police and say are you looking at me for burglary they'll say we are not going to tell you that

Dermot Nottingham: Well I had reason to ring the police and get them to confirm exactly that and they confirmed it in writing, they said no we are not ..no such action is being taken..you are not a person of interest at all there are no live complaints

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Well you see I can only say....I don't deal with the police, but I can only say that's that's the rationale behind it that if anybody could ring up and say hey are you checking on me for some activity or other

Dermot Nottingham Yep

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Particularly if they are involved in some activity or other and they could be given an answer no were not

Dermot Nottingham: yeah

Paul Neazor Inspector General: then the guy or person could go ahead and if they said yes we are then they could forget the investigation...if you think about it

Dermot Nottingham: Right, so but I have not been involved

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Have you tried GCSB I think that's what they will say to you they..we will neither confirm nor deny

Dermot Nottingham: yeah but are you in charge is this office of the GCSB...I know the Minister responsible is the Prime Minister but

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Well no there is a director of the GCSB, I , this office is a, is an oversight office which deals with complaints, it doesn't deal with, I mean I haven't got anybodies records of anybody in New Zealand, so it would be no good asking me if you have been looked at or not because I wouldn't know I would have to go and ask them.

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah well I will give you my name. My name is Dermot Nottingham, I have been involved in a large number of justice campaigns and getting people off convictions and various other things and of course I have upset a lot of people doing that

Paul Neazor Inspector General: I don't care a tuppence about you to be perfectly honest

Dermot Nottingham: Sorry

Paul Neazor Inspector General: I don't think they would care a tuppence about you

Dermot Nottingham: Right

Paul Neazor Inspector General: because I will tell you why and I have occasion to look at this stuff...they are more concerned with mostly activity that is happening overseas people that are trying to umm ahh umm ahh

Dermot Nottingham: Subvert New Zealands interests or

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Yeah well you know get run drug smuggling from outside, people smuggling all that sort of stuff...that's what they are interested in...they are not actually ummm I struck somebody else who was...that was the reason for asking I a sort of protestor or you know involved in local things;

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah

Paul Neazor Inspector General: And the short answer I am sure in that case was well who cares, I mean from the national security point of view who cares

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah but I have also upset some politicians, quite powerful politicians who are well connected and its um yeah they have released information

Paul Neazor Inspector General: They they are not allowed to indulge in party politics

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah I know

Paul Neazor Inspector General: The intelligence agencies are not allowed to indulge in party politics

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah

Paul Neazor Inspector General: and nor I mean I have been in this job for some years now and they couldn't care a less, that's not what they are after

Dermot Nottingham: Right so are you actually the inspector General

Paul Neazor Inspector General: yep yep

Dermot Nottingham: OK I was just wondering

Paul Neazor Inspector General: I am about to finish

Dermot Nottingham: Right right OK um

Paul Neazor Inspector General: But I um you know I cant answer your question because that's what the answer would be, but from what you have told me about yourself and your activity, I just wouldn't I wouldn't expect anybody to care from that, from that point of view.

Dermot Nottingham; Well the thing is

Paul Neazor Inspector General: I had a guy once who said to me much the same as you have said and I did an inquiry and they said they said no we don't , for him anyway, no we don't know anything about this fella, and he then complained to me that they must have been lying because he was so active in this and so active in that that he must be on their watch list

Dermot Nottingham: Right right

Paul Neazor Inspector General: it was if he ought to be in the honors list and he wasn't

Dermot Nottingham: [laughing] well I wouldn't give a, I would just want to know, I would be happy if they said no

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Yeah I understand that

Dermot Nottingham: Just because I think people have certain rights and I would be happy, happier to think that New Zealand hadn't become a sort of little brother of America in the way that they are handling what they are doing with the guy Snowden, and it was just really the situation of Snowden that made me, because I have been aware of this situation for a long time and

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Oh yeah

Dermot Nottingham: and I just thought you know well after Snowden I just thought you know we should have information and we could have just jumped in with the yanks

Paul Neazor Inspector General: To be honest unless you have done something that affects national security, or could affect national security, if you are involved with trying to get information in New Zealand and feed it out to foreign country or something like that or you are trying to get.. you are part of a drug ring or you are trying to finance insurrection outfits somewhere else which might touch New Zealand you're not even in their [pause]

Dermot Nottingham: Their radar

Paul Neazor Inspector General: their target range no

Dermot Nottingham: but then again dotcom was not subject to any of thathe simply runs a business

Paul Neazor Inspector General: [long pause] ahhh yeah except that he was ...what started him off was the US wanted him for...to put him in front of a court like this Wikileaks fellow in London, and the last thing Mr Dotcom wants is to go in front of a court....in America....which is where they were trying to get him

Dermot Nottingham: Yes but of course that is an American jurisdiction and so that is the reason why my concerns umm dotcom was a resident of New Zealand and so shouldn't have been subject to any sort of surveillance so if he can be surveilled, I can be surveilled, and all I want to know is whether I have or not.

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Well that one was clearly a mistake because um it wasn't realized that he ...he actually isn't a New Zealand citizen or he wasn't at that time ...hes a German or a Finn

Dermot Nottingham: yep

Paul Neazor Inspector General: um and they just didn't realize that he came into a category of people who've, because of their business connections have been able to get a visa to be a resident in New Zealand and they thought he was whatever his is a German or Finn or whatever

Dermot Nottingham: yep

Paul Neazor Inspector General: and he wasn't a New Zealander at all and that's where the mistake was

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah Ok I will write who is the director of the GCSB at the moment

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Um Ian Um.....[long pause] .. maybe Ian, I know his name.....I know him...Ian....[pause] half a minute, I will tell you in a minute [very long pause – paper shuffling to get name]...Ian Fletcherbut I am pretty sure that is the answer that you will get and you wont get any assurance, but from what I know of the, Jason, what you have said to me, I would think that they would give a hoot.

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah um

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Its not a nice way of putting it but its about as blunt as I can be.

Dermot Nottingham: Yeah no no its just that they have released information on me before to the media which you couldn't get other than by way of government sources so and I have been

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Who what who released it

Dermot Nottingham: It was the Police um

Paul Neazor Inspector General: That's a different kettle of fish again

Dermot Nottingham: Of course but if the Police are going to breach the various acts then of course the GCSB could equally do that and of course they have done that in the Dotcom case, so it was just the fact that there are 88 people that are meant to be looked into, so there are obviously is grounds, sorry I don't know your name Sir

Paul Neazor Inspector General: Neazor neazor n e a z o r

Dermot Nottingham: Neazor

Paul Neazor Inspector General: the umm yes its ahhh their intention is directed...if it's a police job and its just a police job...there are some case where the police can ask them for assistance.....[end]